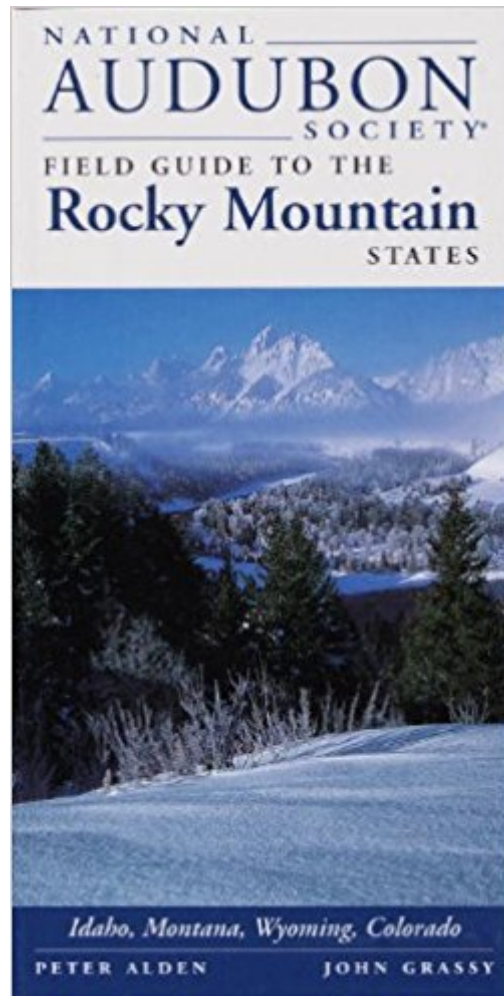




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The most comprehensive field guide available to the Rocky Mountain region--a portable, essential companion for visitors and residents alike--from the go-to reference source for over 18 million nature lovers. This compact volume contains: An easy-to-use field guide for identifying 1,000 of the state's wildflowers, trees, mushrooms, mosses, fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds, butterflies, mammals, and much more; A complete overview of the Rocky Mountain region's natural history, covering geology, wildlife habitats, ecology, fossils, rocks and minerals, clouds and weather patterns, and the night sky; An extensive sampling of the area's best parks, preserves, mountains, forests, and wildlife sanctuaries, with detailed descriptions and visitor information for 50 sites and notes on dozens of others. The guide is packed with visual information -- the 1,500 full-color images include more than 1,300 photographs, 11 maps, and 16 night-sky charts, as well as more than 100 drawings explaining everything from geological processes to the basic features of different plants and animals. For everyone who lives or spends time in Colorado, Idaho, Montana, or Wyoming, there can be no finer guide to the area's natural surroundings than the National Audubon Society Field Guide to the Rocky Mountain States.

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Customer Reviews

If you're going to Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, or Colorado (or live there already), chances are you have an affinity for nature, in which case the National Audubon Society Field Guide to the Rocky Mountain States is a book you'll want to keep close at all times. A durable book meant to be consulted in the field and on the mountain, it starts off with a map of the region, and then launches

into an overview of the topography and geology, the habitats and ecology, the weather patterns and cloud formations common to the Rocky Mountain region. Part Two is the field guide proper, with brilliant photographs and pithily informative descriptions of over 1,000 of the flora and fauna to be found there, covering lichens and conifers, wildflowers and ferns, spiders and insects, fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. There are vivid pictures of feral horses and mule deer, an elk cow nuzzling her calf and a male elk strutting with his antlers, and there are photos and write-ups for wolverines and mountain lions, moose, caribou, and bison. There are also wonderful pages full of whirligig beetles and margined burying beetles, hairy rove beetles and spotted tiger beetles, not to mention the jagged ambush bug and meadow spittlebug. The flora section is appealing, as well, with delicate western bog laurel and orange honeysuckle close-ups, cliff fendlerbush flowers and Pacific red elderberry, water smartweed and purple western monkshood. There's also an appendix of parks and preserves, and pages full of the constellations you can see at night with no city lights to mar the view. With a century of nature preservation under its belt, Audubon does justice to the field-guide genre. --Stephanie Gold

Filled with concise descriptions and stunning photographs, the National Audubon Society Field Guide to the Rocky Mountain States belongs in the home of every Rocky Mountain resident and in the suitcase or backpack of every visitor. This compact volume contains: An easy-to-use field guide for identifying 1,000 of the state's wildflowers, trees, mushrooms, mosses, fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds, butterflies, mammals, and much more; A complete overview of the Rocky Mountain region's natural history, covering geology, wildlife habitats, ecology, fossils, rocks and minerals, clouds and weather patterns, and the night sky; An extensive sampling of the area's best parks, preserves, mountains, forests, and wildlife sanctuaries, with detailed descriptions and visitor information for 50 sites and notes on dozens of others. The guide is packed with visual information -- the 1,500 full-color images include more than 1,300 photographs, 11 maps, and 16 night-sky charts, as well as more than 100 drawings explaining everything from geological processes to the basic features of different plants and animals. For everyone who lives or spends time in Colorado, Idaho, Montana, or Wyoming, there can be no finer guide to the area's natural surroundings than the National Audubon Society Field Guide to the Rocky Mountain States.

This is a nice little guide for identifying and understanding a selection of common flora and fauna of the Rocky Mountain States. Great for carrying in your rucksack on a day hike when your goal is simply to wander about and explore. Rather than using it to identify specific plants and animals, I

have found that the best way to use this book is to find things listed in the book and then explore likely places where that item might be found. If you are serious about identifying birds or wildflowers, this is not really the book you need, but if you just want to get a general idea of the types of plants and animals you might see during a hike, this is great for the purpose. Considering it's small size, a great book for the price.

The final authority on field books. I took this and the rest of the set on a 31 day extreme-survival-adventure and the heavy page material held up well. ***Easy to read, easy to navigate, impossible to pick up and not learn something, every time you open it*** 6 stars if possible

Great resource guide for the Rocky Mtn States. I live in SW Colorado, so I've also purchased the NM/UTAH/AZ book and have found that it's helpful to have both since I live in the high desert area. Both are great. Product was as described and arrived in a timely manner.

I love this book, I buy it for anyone that is interested about learning Rocky Mountain plants, animals, trees etc. Easy to use and identify the different specie. My 7 year old granddaughter uses it regularly.

We have several of these - one for the Mid-Atlantic, one for California, and so when we were planning a trip to the Rockies region, we didn't hesitate to go ahead and purchase this one. These are great field guides. Not as comprehensive as specific guides would be, i.e., a single guide for birds, another for trees, another for mammals, etc..., but there's enough information here to help you identify most of what you might see in an area. Also gives some nice information about local preserves and parks, places to go, places of interest from a naturalist standpoint, and has wonderful photography of wildlife throughout. A great, basic guide.

So much info in such a handy little guide. I love it. Every one who even travels to the Rockies should have this. Its amazing, and gives really great pictures. Doesn't have absolutely everything, but has so much for a little pocket book. Love it

This is an essential guide book that no nature lover should be without. It includes sections on the flora and fauna of the region, plus lots of other useful information for outdoor sports lovers, including guides to all the national parks in the area. If you love hiking but don't know what birds or insects

you're seeing along the route, this is the book for you--there are color pictures of all the creatures, with descriptions of their distinctive features, habitat, and behavior. Also, it's small enough that it can actually fit into your jacket, backpack or (large) pocket, so you won't be tempted to leave it at home.

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